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Hi Jesse,

Nancy and I pulled together these responses to your questions. I hope they are helpful.

Can you explain the timing of the document release? We have been seeking these documents for weeks. Why are they just becoming available now?

EPA has been compiling the documents and consulting with contractors regarding confidential business information, conducting quality assurance and legal reviews, and loading the documents into our document management system for public release.

Why was work being done on Aug. 5 when these documents show it wasn't officially slated to begin until Aug. 17?

Work began at the site based on the availability of personnel and equipment, and appropriate weather conditions. The activities were consistent with the activities outlined in the schedule.

Why are the cost estimated for work at the Gold King redacted?

EPA contractors are entitled to make claims of confidential business information, or CBI, before their EPA documents become public records. Redactions to this document were claimed CBI by the contractor.

Does the EPA have other documentation showing blow-out risk at other mines in Colorado?

This request will require extensive file review by the agency and cannot be answered today. However, we do not know of documentation showing blow-out risk at other mines in Colorado that can be shared with you immediately.

Also - we wanted to let you know that the Task Order Statement of Work dated 6/25/14 that you mentioned in your article stated that EPA was advised by Environmental Restoration is incorrect. This is a task order generated by EPA to our contractor requesting them to create a work plan to complete the activities outlined by the agency.